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At the Home, — January, February, April, May, July, August, October, November.

At Dr. Peabody's, — March, June, September, December.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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IN the history of nations it is thought to be a happy period when there are no great events, no very salient points, for the historian to record ; and if we may compare small things with great, we may say that the past year in the Avon Place Home has been happy in its quiet, unostentatious work. We are sure that we have rescued children who would have suffered without our aid, and that we have comforted and encouraged fathers and mothers who have only needed to cast off for a few months the care of their children, while they were gaining health, or finding work to support their hungry, ill-clothed families.

We rejoice that we are free from debt, and are grateful that we have had no death in the Home the past year. There have been many cases of light diseases common to children, which have needed care, but not excited alarm. One little boy whose inheritance is consumption has been skilfully treated by one of our physicians, and most tenderly nursed by our matron, until he has become a boy of average health and strength.

We were obliged to remove one little girl because her disease endangered the other children ; and our small pecuniary resources and limited space do not allow us to retain any case of that kind.

We have received into the Home in the course of the year eighteen children, in addition to those whom we were obliged to retain from last year. Twenty children have been removed, — some adopted by good families, or taken to be brought up under proper influences, and others taken by their parents or relatives who have become better able to support them.

The Matron and the Assistant Matron have been entirely satisfactory, giving their time and thought to the interests of the Home, and making wise suggestions for the work of the Trustees.

We have had the services of our skilful physicians, who have been always ready to answer every summons, and to give timely and cheerful assistance.

Two of the Trustees have within the past month visited six of our children for whom we have found homes in New Hampshire.

One kind and intelligent woman has taken a little girl into her family, treating her like a daughter, — giving her the common-school education which is open to all, and, better even than that, the tenderness and care of a mother. She has interested herself in finding homes for five other children, and the visiting Trustees found them on the whole very satisfactory.

The children have been given, in the course of the past summer, four health and pleasure excursions, which, from the oldest to the youngest, they have enjoyed heartily. One lady who, through one of the Trustees, sent twenty-five dollars for luxuries will be glad to know that ten of her dollars provided for one excursion.

Mr. Tufts, who has for many years given the Home children a free excursion in his barge, remembered them again this summer, taking them to Lily Point Grove in Waltham, where the proprietor of the grounds kindly gave the use of them for their picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hanks invited our children for a

day at their summer home at Clifton, where everything was done for the comfort and happiness of the little ones. The Avon Place Home was only one of many noble charities thus remembered.

The last day's outing was given by Hon. and Mrs. J. M. W. Hall, who entertained them at North Scituate in a way well fitted to be long remembered. A bountiful dinner was provided, with the many little luxuries which we cannot furnish at our Home.

Mrs. C. E. Hubbard gave a delightful Christmas party to our children, each one receiving a useful present, in addition to the charming entertainment.

Rev. Mr. Mandell, who lives near the Home, has proved himself a neighbor in the Bible sense of the word, and has many times taken our children to drive in his own carriage. For all these kindly offerings to our Home we feel the deepest gratitude.

This is the bright side of the picture. We are obliged, in showing the other side, to tell our friends that we have not sufficient means to keep our hearts from anxiety, even with our present method of conducting the Home.

We cannot introduce the improvements which we see in similar Homes more richly endowed, nor can we do much more than give simple food and shelter to the twenty-five or thirty children who constitute our family, leaving no margin for the modern plans of physical, as well as moral and mental, education. We are grateful for past favors, but we ask earnestly for more.

In our last Report we were obliged to record the deaths of our beloved President, Mrs. Paine, and of our valued associate, Mrs. Teele.

Now we mourn for the loss of our Vice-President, who gave to us liberally of her time and thought and labor. Mrs. Henry Thayer entered into her rest, or perhaps we ought to say, into her higher and nobler service, in December, soon after our Annual Meeting.

Dr. Peabody offered the following Resolutions, to which all our hearts respond : —

*Resolved,* By the death of Mrs. TEELE the Board has lost a member whose services have been rendered with unfailing and unwearying fidelity ; whose discretion and efficiency in the discharge of this trust have won our highest respect and confidence ; who leaves with us the precious memory of a life hallowed by the kindest offices of Christian charity and love.

*Resolved,* That we hold in enduring memory our late associate, Mrs. JANE C. THAYER, as from the first a wise, faithful, efficient, and loving friend of this Institution, as endeared to us all by her uniform courtesy and kindness, and as richly endowed with those graces which form the strength and beauty of the Christian life and character.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER.  
ALICE G. TEELE.

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*Permanent Fund of Avon Place Home.*

|                                                          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund . . . . . | \$300.00  |
| Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler . . . . .                   | 200.00    |
| Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg . . . . .                   | 10,139.74 |
| Holly Tree . . . . .                                     | 4,000.00  |
| Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund . . . . .            | 150.00    |
| Donation from Mr. D. H. Richards . . . . .               | 100.00    |
| T. B. Mackay Fund . . . . .                              | 1,000.00  |
| Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge . . . . .              | 2,500.00  |
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| Donation from William T. Piper . . . . .                 | 500.00    |
| Donation from a Friend . . . . .                         | 2,000.00  |
| Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d. . . . .                      | 2,000.00  |

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\$28,389.74

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| Emergency Fund . . . . . | \$500.00 |
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THE TREASURER, in Account with the AVON PLACE HOME.

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1887, Nov. 5.                                       |                 |  |
| Balance, Cash on hand from old account . . . . .    | \$284.56        |  |
| To Cash from year ending Nov. 3, 1888 :—            |                 |  |
| Phoenix Club . . . . .                              | \$5.00          |  |
| St. James Sunday-school . . . . .                   | 4.00            |  |
| Pilgrim Church . . . . .                            | 22.86           |  |
| Prospect Street Sunday-school . . . . .             | 19.84           |  |
| Prospect Street Society . . . . .                   | 80.50           |  |
| North Avenue Congregational Sunday-school . . . . . | 6.05            |  |
| Classes in First Parish Sunday-school . . . . .     | 5.39            |  |
| No Name Club . . . . .                              | 20.00           |  |
| Fair by Marion E. Dougherty . . . . .               | 20.00           |  |
| Charity Club . . . . .                              | 13.00           |  |
| Classes in Shepard Sunday-school . . . . .          | 27.68           |  |
| St. John's Memorial Chapel . . . . .                | 65.75           |  |
| Board . . . . .                                     | 111.00          |  |
| Cambridge Humane Society . . . . .                  | 200.00          |  |
| Mr. Wm. T. Piper . . . . .                          | 500.00          |  |
| Annual Subscriptions . . . . .                      | 568.00          |  |
| Individual Donations . . . . .                      | 709.25          |  |
| Interest on Investments . . . . .                   | 1,341.42        |  |
| A Friend . . . . .                                  | 2,000.00        |  |
| Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d. . . . .                 | 2,000.00        |  |
|                                                     | <u>7,719.74</u> |  |
|                                                     | \$8,004.30      |  |

Nov. 3, 1888. Audited and approved by  
SARAH S. STORER.  
S. S. SLEEPER.

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| 1888, Nov. 3.                            |                   |
| By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home :— |                   |
| Salary of Matron and Employees . . . . . | \$1,401.50        |
| Provisions and Groceries . . . . .       | 1,071.28          |
| Fuel, Gas, and Water . . . . .           | 325.31            |
| Shoes, Clothing, and Dry Goods . . . . . | 232.71            |
| Improvements and Repairs . . . . .       | 160.77            |
| Furniture, and House Utensils . . . . .  | 18.85             |
| Druggist . . . . .                       | 27.66             |
| Printing . . . . .                       | 55.00             |
| Sundries . . . . .                       | 37.51             |
|                                          | <u>\$3,330.59</u> |

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| Carried to Permanent Fund Account . . . . . | 4,500.00      |
| Balance, Cash on hand . . . . .             | <u>173.71</u> |

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| Batchelder, Mrs.           | Needle.                   | Lawrence, Mrs. W.         |
| "Bee," The.                | Coolidge, Mrs.            | Leavitt, Mrs.             |
| Bemis, Mrs. F. G.          | Cornelius, Mrs.           | Lewis, Miss.              |
| Bemis, Mrs. J. W.          | Cotton, Mabel and Stella. | Longfellow, Miss.         |
| Bennett, Master.           | Cousens, Mrs.             | McLeod, Miss.             |
| Bennink, C. G. H.          | Cox, James.               | McNair, Mrs.              |
| Black, Miss.               | Croswell, Miss, Lent      | Mandell, Edith, Helen,    |
| Blodgett's, Mrs., Sunday-  | Sewing Class.             | and Margaret.             |
| school Class.              | Dana, Mrs. R. H.          | Mandell, Mrs.             |
| Bonney, Mrs. C. H.         | Davis, Mrs. John.         | Mandell, Rev. Mr.         |
| Boynnton, Mrs.             | Deane, Miss Mary.         | "Margaret Coffin Prayer-  |
| Bradford, Miss S. H.       | Deane, Mrs. C.            | Book Society," Boston.    |
| Bradford, Mrs. M. R.       | Douglass, Mrs. R.         | Mason, Mrs.               |
| Bradford & Thomas.         | Dresser, Miss.            | Mellen, James.            |
| Brewer, David.             | Dresser, Mrs. E.          | Merrill, F. P.            |
| Brier, Master.             | Durgin, H. D. & W. S.     | Merrill, J. F.            |
| Bright, Mrs. J. J.         | Dyer, Mrs.                | Mill, Mrs.                |
| Brine, J. W.               | Ellis, Mrs. D. F.         | Mitchell, Mr.             |
| Bunton, Bertie.            | Emery, Mrs. W.            | Morison, A. and R.        |
| Burleigh, Mrs. E. A.       | Eustis, Mrs.              | Morison, Rev. R. S.       |
| Cary, Mr. T. G.            | Everett, Mrs. C. C.       | North Avenue Congrega-    |
| Chapin, Harold C.          | Fellowes, Mrs.            | tionalist Sewing Society. |
| Chandler, Mrs. S. C.       | Fish, Mrs.                | Oak Grove Farm Co.        |
| Church, First Baptist      | Folsom, Mrs. N.           | Paine, Miss Jeannie W.    |
| Sunday-school Class.       | Fox, Mrs. Jabez.          | Palfrey, Mrs. C.          |
| Church, First Parish.      | Foxcroft, Mrs. F.         | Peabody, Mrs. F. G.       |
| Church, First Universal-   | Friend, by Mrs. Teele.    | Peirce, Mrs.              |
| ist.                       | Friend, by Mrs. Westcott. | Perrin, Mrs. F.           |
| Church, Grace Methodist.   | Garrett, Mrs.             | Phillips, E. Burt.        |
| Church, Harvard Street     | Gersdorff, Mrs. E. B. de. | Piper, Mrs. S.            |
| Methodist.                 | Girls' Friendly Society   | Piper, Willie and Bessie. |
| Church, North Avenue       | Goodwin, Mrs.             | Powers, Miss.             |
| Congregationalist.         | Gray, Miss E.             | Powers, Lee L.            |
| Church, North Avenue       | Gray, Miss Frances.       | Proudfoot, Mrs.           |
| Universalist.              | Green, Miss.              | Rand, Mrs. H. A.          |
| Church, Pilgrim Congre-    | Hall, Mrs. E.             | Reed, Mr.                 |
| gationalist.               | Harding, Mrs. C. L.       | Ricker, G. F. & Co.       |
| Church, Prospect Street    | Hayden, Mrs.              | Roberts, Mrs. G. B.       |
| Congregationalist.         | Hinckley, Mrs.            | Sands, Mrs. B.            |

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| Saville, Mrs.            | Stetson, Mrs.           | Wells, Miss Louisa D. |
| Scudder, Miss.           | Stone, Bertha.          | Westcott, Mrs.        |
| Shepard Memorial Sew-    | Storer, Mrs.            | West End St. Ry. Co.  |
| ing Society.             | Swan, Mrs.              | White, Mrs.           |
| Shepard Memorial Y. P.   | Taylor, Dr. F. W.       | Williston, Mrs.       |
| C. E. S.                 | Taylor, Mrs. H. E.      | Wilson, John, & Son.  |
| Simmons, Mrs.            | Teele, Miss.            | Winlock, Mrs. J.      |
| Sleeper, Mrs. S. S.      | Thompson, Mrs.          | Woodward, Mrs.        |
| Smith, Mrs. P.           | Tower, Master.          | Wright, G. G.         |
| Sortwell, Mrs.           | Turner, Lucy and Clara. | Wyeth, J. H.          |
| Spelman, Mrs.            | Warner, Master.         | Yerxa, Mrs. H. D.     |
| St. James Sunday-school. | Washburn, Mrs.          | Young, Mrs. E. J.     |

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#### FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, commonly known as the AVON PLACE HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of  
Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

## BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

*Membership.* — The number of Corporators of this Corporation shall be seventeen. Vacancies shall be caused by death, by resignation, and by the failing to attend for a period of twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation. When such failure occurs, the Corporation shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Corporators.

### ARTICLE II.

*Common Seal.* — The Common Seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the year of its creation, and the words, "Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, 1874," inscribed, and shall be kept by the Clerk.

### ARTICLE III.

*Officers.* — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen from the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and accept office. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers, and the President and Treasurer shall make a report at the Annual Meeting. The Corporators may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the convenient transaction of the business of the Corporation. At the Annual Meeting the Corporators shall elect, to serve till the next Annual Meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons who shall not be

members of the Corporation, but who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Corporators, and may, by vote of the Corporators, be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as often at least as once every six months.

#### ARTICLE IV.

*Meetings of the Corporation.*—The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Place Home, on the first Saturday in November, at such hour as the Corporators may decide. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place, and special meetings may be called by the President, or any two Corporators, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. A majority of all the Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting. Seven Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.

*Amendments.*—Articles II., III., and IV. of these By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of all the Corporators at any annual meeting, or at any regular meeting, when a notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous regular meeting, or at any special meeting, by the unanimous vote of all the Corporators.

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At the Annual Meeting, May 28, 1881, Sumner Albee, Esq., and Mr. S. S. Sleeper were appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer with regard to the best method of keeping the accounts of the invested funds.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES OF THE AVON PLACE  
HOME, CAMBRIDGE.

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I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order : *First*, to orphans and foundlings ; *Second*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Trustees for the purpose of adoption or during their minority ; and *Third*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home ; and if practicable, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Trustees, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during its minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only ; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is removed or given up as above stated ; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Trustees for adoption, unless it be removed within six months after the end of the time for which it is readmitted.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or, should they be out of the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician.

The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Trustees for approval at their next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday-school, unless specially excused by vote of the Trustees.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on *Sundays* and *Thursdays only*, from 3 to 5 P.M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees.

The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.